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Fourth High School Under Study

West Central Site Considered

The possibility of a fourth high school, for west central Torrance, was discussed Tuesday night by the Torrance School Board. Eyeing enrollment figures for the first week, the board noted that there are at present 2,485 students in the existing two high schools, while there are 6,568 students in kindergarten through the third grade. This means that within eight years, there will be 6,568, even if no new students moved into the city.

Maximum 5,500
The present capacity of Torrance and North High Schools is about 1,500 apiece, without double sessions. South High School, expected to be ready by

September, 1957, would hold a maximum of 2,500 students. Total capacity of the three schools, without double sessions, would be about 5,500 students.

This would mean, board members mused, that a fourth high school would be needed soon, if students were not to go back on the double sessions which were held here last year, before the opening of North High School.

West Site Considered

Logical place for the fourth school, board members felt, would be somewhere in west central Torrance, to serve the two huge tracts which are partially completed there. Both tracts are west of Hawthorne Ave., the first between Sepulveda and Torrance Blvds., and the second between 190th St. and Del Amo Blvd.

No action was taken on the matter.

At the same time, the Board studied plans for South High School, which will be located on Pacific Coast Hwy., near Calle Mayor. Present plans call for construction of facilities for 1,500 students as part of a first unit, with facilities for an additional 1,000 students to be built in a second unit.

Kiwanis Dads Display Sons

More than 50 boys joined their fathers Monday night in celebrating the Torrance Kiwanis club's annual "Father and Son" banquet at the American Legion clubrooms.

The youngsters were served heaping orders of fried chicken, bestowed with a number of favors and watched feasts of magic performed by a noted Southland magician, Dudley Gray.

President Gerald Eastham won the award for having the most sons present, four, while Dr. Alan Hofferber proudly took honors for having the youngest son present with his 5½-month-old son, Scott.



TO VIE FOR "MISS LOMITA" TITLE . . . These young ladies, the pick of the Lomita area, will seek the "Miss Lomita" title in a contest to be judged at Lomita Park Saturday evening. Front row, left to right, are Dorothy Rosenberg, Nancy Maxwell, Barbara Frownfeller, Ann Robert-

son, and Janen Eggleston. In the back row are Jan Ashe, Deanna Wells, Gloria Gilhousen, Barbara Barnes, and Marilyn McGary. Glen Muranaka (under the bench) is not a serious contender in the Lomita Optimist Club-sponsored event.

Board Approves \$334,000 Bid For New School

A low bid of \$334,000 for construction of Sepulveda School, near the corner of Cathann St. and Reynolds Dr., was accepted Tuesday night by the Torrance School Board.

Red Diamond Construction, Inc., was the lowest of 12 bidders, a record number for local school projects. The contract calls for the work to be completed by April 22, 1956. The new school is expected to relieve some of the load on Seaside and Meadow Park Schools.

Land Bought
The board also approved the purchase of 4.5 acres of land from Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Gannon on 28th St., west of Arlington Ave. Negotiations for adjacent land are still pending, officials said. The educators plan to build an elementary school on the site.

In other action, the board approved plans for portable classroom units at Wood and Madrona Schools, to relieve some of the pressure of double sessions there.

Layout Approved
They also approved a site layout for a new school unit for Meadow Park School, which is now housed in wooden barracks-type buildings.

The board authorized officials to begin planning for dining patios in Carr, Perry, Hillside, and Wood Schools, the only plants where lunch facilities are not now built or in various stages of planning.

State May Post 15-Mile Limits

Embattled Meadow Park School mothers continued their battle for more signs and yellow crosswalks at 230th and Hawthorne Ave. this week, as a state highway representative told Police Chief Willard Haslam that he would recommend the posting of 15-mile-per-hour speed limit signs there.

Mothers were out in full force at all times when children were crossing the street, carrying signs bearing such mottoes as "I've Got Four—Don't Make It Three," "Death Trap," and "Yellow Paint Costs \$2 per Gallon—Is Life That Cheap?"

They felt that the Police could make the crossing safer by strict enforcement of regulations.

Meadow Park Principal Her- (Continued on Page 23)

Pamphlets Planned

Today, mothers plan to hand out pamphlets to passing motorists, bearing this message: "We need help! Will you help us by writing to these state officials—State Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, 121 Sunnyside St., San Pedro, and Assemblyman Charles E. Chapel, Post Office Box 77, Inglewood.

"We are trying to get safe crossing signs for our children at Meadow Park Elementary School—Hawthorne at 230th St. Thank you for helping."

Mothers have pledged to continue their fight for yellow crosswalks and safety signs at the school crossing until something is done. Committees of mothers block the street at 7, 8, 9, 12, 1, 3, and 4 o'clock as their children cross the street. About 200 children must cross the four-lane highway to get to school. The speed limit there is 55 miles per hour.

"The crossing guard, Mrs. Mildred Covey, is doing a fine job, but she cannot possibly be everywhere at once," one of the mothers declared.

Limit Recommended

Meanwhile, Police Chief Willard Haslam said he had been otherwise not available. In that case, Lewis said, the enumerators are permitted to get the needed information from neighbors.

"This is perfectly legal," Lewis said. "A householder who gives a census enumerator information about a neighbor is not violating any laws," he said.

Value of the census to the city is rated in terms of dollars, about \$7.35 per person, according to most estimates. This money comes from state appropriations of gas tax funds and other monies distributed to cities on a population basis.

Educators Laud Parent Meetings

The Torrance Unified School District started teacher-parent conferences in all elementary schools not necessarily because "children were in trouble," but so information about the children could be exchanged.

That was what Albert N. Posner, assistant superintendent of schools, told representatives of the Torrance Education Advisory Committee Monday noon.

The major purpose of reporting to parents is to provide information for sound working relationship between the school and the home so that the child's growth and development will be a cooperative enterprise," he explained.

Two Systems Used

Instead of the A, B, C grade system, the local schools use a written report card, on which the teacher describes the child's progress in all subjects. In addition, all elementary teachers confer with parents at least once a semester, exchanging information about the child's school work and problems at home.

The system has proved highly satisfactory here, Posner said.

Study Made
Robert Evans, principal of Howard Wood School, said that he had made a special study of the conference method and had found that both parents and teachers overwhelmingly favored it.

Of 798 parents queried about conferences, 783 said they liked it, he said, while 259 teachers were unanimous in favoring it. Both said that meeting each other helped them to understand the child better, and aid his education.

Parents reported that they were able to get a first-hand account of what their child was doing in school and how they could help him at home. On the other hand, teachers said they learned something about the child's background and any special problems he might have at home. Many teachers and parents made suggestions for improving the system, Evans said.

Time Change Sunday

Daylight Savings Time will officially end Sunday at 2 a.m. Residents are advised to turn their clocks back one hour to keep pace with the change.

Firms Lose To Burglars

Burglars struck again in Torrance recently, breaking into two establishments and getting away with loot that totaled approximately \$1200 in one case, police report.

The R. E. Payne Construction Co., now working on the new civic center site at Torrance Blvd. and Maple St., reported Saturday that plumbing and electrical supplies and equipment had been taken from a storage compound the previous night. The construction firm placed value of the stolen articles at about \$1200.

Building supplies were taken in a raid on a housing tract being constructed by the Beverly Construction Co., at 182nd and Arlington Ave. Thursday night, authorities reported Friday.

Three Burning Rules Govern Torrance Area

Three regulations concerning the burning of rubbish by householders are in effect in the greater Torrance area, regulations drawn up by the City of Los Angeles, the County of Los Angeles, and the City of Torrance. Where you live determines the times which you can fire up that old incinerator.

If you live in Lomita or other areas of unincorporated county territory, you may burn rubbish any day of the week between 4 and 7 p.m.

If you live in the Los Angeles Shoestring Strip, Harbor City, Wilmington, or San Pedro, you may burn only on Saturday and Sunday between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon.

If you live in the City of Torrance, you may burn rubbish any day of the week between 6 a.m. and 10 a.m.

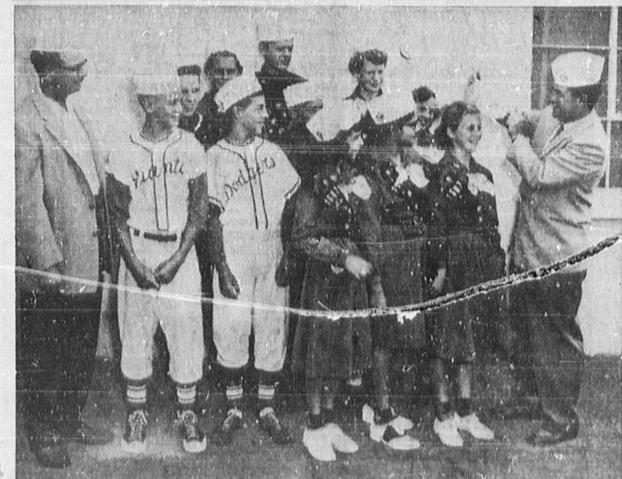
The new Los Angeles law, which went into effect last week, specifically exempts Class I incinerators such as those used in industries and in apartment houses. They may be used any day of the week.

Moose Members Report On State Convention

J. A. Evans, secretary, and Dan Hutchinson, junior governor, reported on activities at the state convention at the regular meeting Monday of Torrance Lodge 785, Loyal Order of Moose.

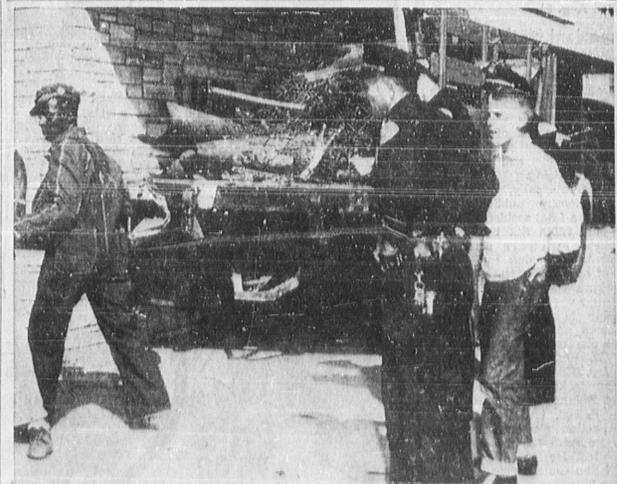
The two were official representatives of the Torrance Lodge at the convention, held last week in Richmond.

A Moose official issued an invitation to all members to attend a stag affair Sunday at the Maywood-Bell Moose Lodge. Festivities start at 2 p.m.



(Herald Photo)

READY FOR KIDS' DAY . . . Scouts, Explorers, Little Leaguers, and Girl Scouts are all set to help their sponsors, the Kiwanis Club, with the Kids' Day Peanut sales here this week end. Flitting them out with Kiwanis hats is Tommy Wilkes, institutional representative of the groups (right) and C. A. Meuser (left) representative of the club. The peanut sale this year will be the club's major fund raising campaign.



(Herald Photo)

SUDDEN VISITOR . . . This truck was being towed by another vehicle Monday afternoon when it broke tow chain, swerved onto the sidewalk and sideswiped building occupied by Lund Insurance Co., 2367 Torrance Blvd. Occupants of first vehicle clear debris at scene of mishap. Run-away truck had no driver, according to reports of the accident. Marion Smith, 38, Compton, who was driving the first vehicle, was cited for violation of vehicle towing regulations.